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Superior Failure Not Discouraging; Three Big Wells In

Bush and Voorhis Determined To Drill Deep Well In East Lomita Despite Keck's Experience In Edge Area

Today's oil news contains three outstanding features: 1—The determination of Bush and Voorhis to make Fee No. 1, at the corner of Palm and Eshelman, a deep test well despite the failure of the Superior Oil company to pick up showing at low levels in the Torrance industrial tract; 2—The location of a new well by the Shell Oil company more than a mile almost due east of Oakley No. 1, the most easterly producer in the field; 3—The excellence of the wells coming on production in the eastern part of the field.

Bush and Voorhis have landed 10 1/2-inch casing in Fee No. 1 and will drill to deep levels under their permit from the state to drill to 6000 feet. Superior's failure further north on Torrance No. 13 to pick up a lower sand is not taken by operators as an indication that a deeper sand will not be found, owing to the location of the Superior test in edge territory.

Shell's new location, to be known as Watson No. 1, is located east of Harbor boulevard not far from the school building, which stands in an easterly line drawn from Oakley No. 1, the outcrop producer of the field. Should Shell bring in a producer here, the field would be extended more than a mile. The Shell company has large holdings east of Harbor boulevard.

E. J. Miley's Torrance No. 1 went on production Monday, after having blown by heads for two days. Tuesday the well flowed at about an 800-barrel rate, but it is cleaning out. The well is a 1000-barrel producer. The oil tests almost 20 degrees. Tubing pressure Monday was 150 pounds, with 550 pounds on the casing.

Oil 19 Gravity Shell's March No. 2, also an east side well, is producing about 850 barrels a day of 19 gravity oil. The production has increased each day as the well cleaned itself out. The gas pressure is 200 pounds on the tubing and 250 pounds on the casing.

On the Shell Kettler lease, No. 1 was flowing by heads Monday. Completed at 3812 feet, the well has 8 1/2-inch liner in the hole. It was cemented off at 3630 feet. The well is showing a lively gas pressure, and looks like a splendid producer.

Shell is drilling March No. 3 ahead and will make a production test within a day or so. The hole is down 3333 feet. March No. 2 was completed at 3790 feet. With No. 3 down 3333 feet it is apparent that the company is prospecting somewhat deeper with-out fear of bottom water. No. 3 was cemented off at 3650 feet.

Get 1500-Barrel Well In the east Lomita district the Bankline Oil company brought in Bethune No. 1 at Acacia and Eshelman streets for a flow estimated between 1200 and 1500 barrels. This well makes this unusually productive district look even better.

Operators were interested in the 350-barrel production secured by the Universal Consolidated Oil company west of Narbonne avenue and just north of Elgin street. In drilling Jones No. 2, Universal used oil instead of mud after drilling through cement. The 350-barrel production on the pump is the largest of the district, being better than Federal's Garner No. 1 by 200 barrels. The well is showing no signs of sanding up and the yield is expected to be interrupted less than it has been on other wells near by.

On the West Side The development on the Marble ranch has reached an interesting stage. Standard is drilling Marble Fee No. 1 ahead at 3650 feet. Off-fee No. 1, Petroleum Securities has a well down 3760 feet. None of the companies is positive as to the proper level to complete wells in this area, but it is apparent that Petroleum Securities will not go much deeper for fear of bottom water. High gas pressure is evidenced on both the Doheny and the Standard wells.

BUSINESS MEN TO HOLD BALL ON THURSDAY

Torrance business men, their wives and employes, will enjoy the first annual ball of the Torrance Business Men's association at Legion hall Thursday night. The committee has perfected plans for an unusual event. There will be a few old-fashioned dances on the program. The committee on refreshments has also been busy.

All Who Have Moved Since Registering Must Re-Register

Citizens who have registered since January, but who have moved since to other precincts, must re-register before March 15. This was the announcement made today by Mrs. Laura Anderson, deputy registrar for Torrance. Mrs. Anderson announced, also, that registrations will be taken several nights next week at locations to be announced later. There are three precincts in the city of Torrance. Precinct No. 1 is bounded on the east by Western avenue, on the north by a line drawn along the center of Carson street, and on the west by a line in the center of Plaza del Amo and Arlington street, and on the south by the south limits. Precinct No. 2 is bounded on the north by the Cotton tract's southern boundary line, on the west by a line drawn along the center of Cedar street, on the south by a line along the center of Carson street, and on

HELD UP ON HIGHWAY BY FOUR THUGS

A. E. Sater of 2253 Perkin avenue, Long Beach, reports to Constable Carl J. Miller that at 10:35 p. m. Saturday he was held up by four men in an old dirty red Overland touring car and relieved of \$105 in cash, his overcoat, gloves, and a 21-jewel Waltham watch. Three of the gang had guns; two had their faces blackened and one wore a mask. The fourth stayed with the constable. Miller gave chase, but the men had nearly half an hour's start, and escaped.

the east by Western avenue. Precinct No. 3 is bounded on the north by Dominguez street, on the west by Madrona avenue, on the south by the southern limits, and on the east by a line along the center of Arlington street, Plaza del Amo and Cedar street.

For the city election on April 14, however, precincts No. 1 and No. 3 will be consolidated and citizens will cast their ballots at the high school auditorium. The other voting precinct will be as usual, at the garage on the north-east corner of Border avenue and 213th street.

The polls on April 14 will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. Mrs. Catherine Moll of Grand Rapids, Mich., was a week-end guest at the home of her brother, C. M. McKenzie. Mrs. Moll is spending the winter in Los Angeles.

Observations

Now Is Time to Buy in Torrance—Dawes' Shirt-Sleeve Diplomacy—Radicalism—Dempsey, Ruth and Art

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

BIG money is coming to Torrance. The city at last is recognized as the certain center of a vast industrial district. First the Santa Fe constructed its line to the harbor through Torrance. And the industrial department of the big transcontinental line went to work to interest industries in locations hereabouts. Then the Edison company opened an office here, expecting this office to serve this entire territory. Then came the announcement that the Southern California Gas company will build a large office here, for the same purpose. A great oil company, which makes no economic mistakes—at least in the matter of locating strategic filling stations—has put up a station here. Torrance has its second wind. It is going strong. There are great things in store for us. Now is the time to buy Torrance real estate. "Buy before the rise." That is the way to make money. The large companies, which make few economic mistakes, are doing that very thing in Torrance. It is wise to follow their lead.

"HELL AND MARIA" DAWES has given Europe another striking example of straightforward American diplomacy. Premier Poincare announced in the French Chamber of Deputies that a member of the reparations committee had declared that the occupation of the Ruhr was a good thing for both France and Germany.

That such an unequivocal statement could come from a member of the committee startled European diplomats who never say much of anything publicly. At once Europe wanted to know who made the statement. And Dawes came out flat-footed with a declaration that he made it. More than that, he went still further and told the world why he said it. The occupation of the Ruhr, in Dawes' belief, insures France of getting what she is entitled to and convinced Germany that she must pay what she can.

That they not be European diplomacy, but it's the truth. After two months and months of haggling, pussyfooting, secret proposals and political evasiveness, Dawes, with the true bluntness of the modern American business man, has made the first sensible statement since the whole reparations problem became acute. If the allied and German statesmen would accept Dawes' contention and proceed from it with all cards on the table and all discussions open, blunt and frank, the whole reparations muddle could be straightened out, as Dawes would put it, "pretty damned quick."

What Europe needs is more new world frankness and less old world diplomacy.

AS the Chicago Tribune points out, the chief characteristic of the radical is that he wants to take something away from somebody. He covets his neighbor's goods and seeks to induce the government to take that goods away from that neighbor and pass it around. In the final analysis that is the I. W. W. program. And the I. W. W. is making the Torrance-Lomita oil field a center of activity.

Authorities, whose duty it is to keep in touch with the activities of those individuals who are plotting against sacred American institutions know that several prominent agitators are working in the local oil field. They should meet with the same reception here as they meet in every other patriotic American community which they seek to poison with their destructive doctrines. They want to take something away from somebody. They must be shown that they came to the wrong place to do it.

THE British house of commons has passed through second reading a bill which will grant the right of suffrage to all women of 21 and more. The existing bill allows only women of 30 or more to vote. When the new bill is finally adopted there will be more women than men voters in England.

Miss Dorothy Jewson, labor member, spoke for the new bill. She said that "women mature earlier than men and a woman of 21 has more common sense than a man at the same age." Wonder what Kipling, author of "The Female of the Species," thinks of that?

BABE RUTH is bed-ridden with influenza. Jack Dempsey is in the hospital recovering from a minor operation. Asta Peters Clark is in the Los Angeles jail charged with vagrancy.

Ruth is one of the highest paid men in baseball. Dempsey has amassed a fortune through the use of his fists. Asta Peters Clark, once hailed as among the greatest of European artists, hasn't a cent in the world.

"O Tempora! O Mores." What tricks we humans play on our fellow men! A few home runs are worth more than a great picture. A knockout punch brings more than a true work of art. Ruth, Dempsey and Madame Clark are all victims of the ills that assail humans. But the athletes have plenty of money, while the artist is penniless.

Perhaps the artist has more soul satisfaction than the two prosperous athletes. But if Mr. Ruth and Mr. Dempsey had to choose they would prefer full stomachs to full souls. Perhaps Mrs. Clark would, too.

It is now and always has been a sad commentary on human society, that men pour the earth's riches into the laps of their heroes of brawn and let the inspired starve. We have changed very little since Diogenes lived in a barrel and Milton sold "Paradise Lost" for the price of a bowl of soup.

P.-T.A. PROGRESSIVE PARTY

All set? Let's go! P.-T.A. progressive party at the high school auditorium Friday night, March 7, 1924, at 7:30 p. m. The Keeve jazzy orchestra will be there—and say, did you ever play "Fleas"—not real ones, but make 'em yourself! It will be fun. Whoever makes the most fleas will receive a prize. (Note: don't begin to scratch.) A good time is assured everyone. Virginia reel, quadrilles, and a short program, all go to assure you a good time.

SEES FIRST SNOW

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tolson and children and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sharps of Torrance made a trip to Cedar Pines Sunday with Mrs. Tolson's brother, William Silva, and friend, of Oxnard. The party encountered a hail storm on the Waterman canyon grade. There was over two inches of snow at Cedar Pines, which was the first snow that Mr. Sharps had ever seen. He was born in California.

Laboratory Tests Show Water Supply In Torrance Pure

Rumors Of Contamination In Reservoir Absolute ly Without Foundation In Fact Police Probe Shows

Torrance drinking water is pure. Ugly rumors that the supply is contaminated are groundless. Sanitary Officer O. M. McAuley Tuesday reported to Mayor W. H. Gilbert that a bacteriology test made at the county laboratory in Redondo showed the water to be positively free from contamination. Mr. McAuley asserted that a vegetable growth exists in the reservoir and pipes but that it is harmless and in no way affects the purity of the water. The fire department has been in-

structed to flush all hydrants in the city in order to remove the vegetable matter.

All day Monday members of the police department were working in an endeavor to run down the rumors of water contamination which were sweeping the city.

Representatives of the Torrance Water, Light and Power company and employes of the city positively denied the reports of contamination.

Chief Anderson reported that a thorough investigation had established the falsity of the report.

SPANISH STYLE HOMES GO UP ON EL PRADO

The first movement in a plan to make El Prado street, facing the J. S. Torrance park, a beautiful residence district, improved by artistic Spanish style homes, was made Monday when J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment company and H. M. Richard announced that they will build. Mr. Smith's home will be at the corner of Arlington and El Prado, and Mr. Richard's on El Prado two lots east of Mr. Smith's proposed residence. Both houses will be of artistic Spanish architecture.

Chief Asks Parents Make Children Use Zoned Crossings

Chief of Police Anderson asks that parents instruct their children to cross Arlington avenue at the boulevard stops at 220th street and Carson street and not at 219th street, as many of them do. The law is being rigidly enforced, and the department hopes that the parents will co-operate.

TRUSTEES

The salary of William Gascoigne, city street foreman, was increased from \$150 to \$175 a month, to take effect March 1.

Mayor Gilbert, acting under a resolution passed by the board, appointed a committee to confer with the Dominguez Land corporation relative to the value the company would place on a quit-claim deed on the sewer farm. The trustees are considering joining in the formation of a sewer district with Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, Moneta and other territory in this drainage area. Before taking such action they wish to ascertain what a quit-claim deed on the sewer farm would be worth to the Dominguez Land corporation. It was pointed out by George Proctor that the sewer farm will be inadequate in a few years. The committee consists of Mr. Proctor, P. G. Briney and J. J. Jessup.

City Recorder James King collected fines amounting to \$1176 during February.

The trustees voted to buy a tree, which will be presented to the Torrance school children to be planted on Thursday, which is Arbor day and the seventy-fifth birthday anniversary of Luther Burbank. This action was suggested by Harry Gadeky, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

There is no longer any Susana street in Torrance. The trustees Monday night voted to change the name to Granieri street, of which Susana was an extension.

GOURDIER BACK SOON

Alfred Gourdier will return to his home here this week from the hospital in Sawtelle. Mr. Gourdier is recovering rapidly from the effects of the operations performed recently.

CANDIDATES MUST STATE TERM CHOICE

City Attorney Briney has ruled that candidates for office for the Torrance board of trustees must designate for which term they are seeking election. It was thought, at first, that the candidate who received the fourth highest vote would be elected for the short term. This opinion was published in The Herald last week. Consultation of the statutes, however, showed this to be erroneous. The Herald is gratified to be able to correct its statement of last Friday, so that candidates may designate on the nomination blanks for which term they intend to run.

FREE CANDY AT PALMER'S GAS STATION

In order to celebrate the formal opening of the Palmer Service Station No. 2, Carson and Arlington streets, on Saturday, March 8, 500 one-pound boxes of fancy chocolates will be given away free of charge to the first 500 customers that call for gas or oil.

Mike Fix, who is associated with Fred Palmer in the ownership of the stations, is in charge of the candy gifts, and he will consider it a pleasure if every one who purchases oil or gas on Saturday will kindly mention the candy before driving away.

Ernest D. Preston Being Sought Here; Money Awaits Him

Does anybody know Ernest Dwin Preston? A check for several hundred dollars is being held for him by the Kansas soldiers' compensation board. His last known address was 745 Wil-low street, Long Beach. The American Red Cross of Long Beach believes he has moved to Torrance or Lomita, and has requested the Bert S. Cross-land post, American Legion, to locate him, if possible. If you know Mr. Preston, tell him to communicate with Albert Greiner at the Consolidated Lumber company's Torrance office.

Auditor's Report Reveals The Need Of New City Hall

Does Torrance need a new city hall? V. H. Huberich, Los Angeles accountant, who has just completed an audit of the city books, thinks so. His report to the trustees reads in part as follows: "The city's records should be filed and kept in some systematic order, but due to cramped quarters which the city clerk and the city engineer share, it does not seem possible that anything can be done until the situation is remedied."

American Legion Auxiliary St. Patrick dance, March 15.